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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Tohru TAKAHASHI )  
Appln. No. : TBA )  
Filed : December 20, 2001 )  
For : NONWOVEN FABRIC FOR LOOP )  
MATERIAL OF HOOK-AND-LOOP )  
FASTENER AND MANUFACTURING )  
PROCESS THEREOF )

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1-13-03  
08PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

AMENDMENTSIN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

A1  
5. The nonwoven fabric for loop material of hook-and-loop fastener according to claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic filament A and/or B is sheath-core type conjugate filament composed of a high melting point core component and a low melting point sheath component.

[Please add the following new claims:]

N2  
12. The nonwoven fabric for loop material of hook-and-loop fastener according to claim 2, wherein the thermoplastic filament A and/or B is sheath-core type conjugate filament composed of a high melting point core component and a low melting point sheath component.